What is claimed is:

1. A method of modifying a first user's user profile for a data-class recommender, comprising the steps of:

receiving feedback from a first user scoring examples falling into various data-classes;

refining said first user's user profile responsively to a said feedback;

modifying said first user's user profile responsively to data from a second user's user profile;

said step of modifying including modifying such that a frequency of recommendations of at least one data-class is increased without decreasing a frequency of recommendations of any other data-classes, whereby said first user's user profile is expanded in scope according to preferences stored in said second user's user profile.

2. A method as in claim 1, wherein said first user's user profile includes a specialized target description of favored data-classes and said step of modifying includes generalizing said specialized target description such that it encompasses at least one specialized target description of said second user's user profile.

3. A method as in claim 2, wherein said step of modifying includes substituting at least a union of specialized descriptions of said first user's user profile and said second user's user profile for said specialized description of said first user's user profile.

4. A method as in claim 1, wherein said step of generalizing includes substituting at least a union of specialized descriptions of said first user's user profile and said second user's user profile for said specialized description of said first user's user profile.

5. A method of modifying a first user's user profile for a data-class recommender, comprising the steps of:

receiving feedback from a first user scoring examples falling into various data-classes;

refining said first user's user profile responsively to a said feedback;

selecting test-data for revising said first user's user profile responsively to data from at least a second user's user profile;

requesting feedback on said test-data from said first user and modifying said first user's user profile responsively to said feedback.

6. A method as in claim 5, wherein said step of selecting includes selecting only test-data for which feedback incorporated in said first user's profile increases a discriminating power of said first user's user profile.

7. A method as in claim 7, wherein said selecting includes selecting primarily test-data for which said first user's user profile is insufficient for said recommender to determine whether said test-data would be favored or disfavored.

8. A method as in claim 5, wherein said step of selecting includes filtering a universe of data choices through a specialized description of a concept space.

9. A data-class recommender, comprising:

a learning engine;

a user interface device connectable to said learning engine;

said learning engine being connectable to a data source containing descriptions of data selections;

said learning engine being programmed to receive, through said user interface, feedback from a first user evaluating said data selections and to progressively generate a description of data selections that are favored

and disfavored by said first user, thereby generating a first user profile;

said learning engine being further programmed to generate recommendations of data selections for said first user responsively to said first user profile;

said learning engine being further programmed to selectively generate recommendations of data selections for said first user responsively to said first user profile and at least a second user profile of a second user.

10. A method as in claim 9, wherein said learning engine is programmed such that said first user profile includes a narrow description defining target data selections and a broad description defining non-target data selections, the recommendations being derived from a space of selections lying between said broad and narrow descriptions.

11. A method as in claim 9, wherein said learning engine is programmed such that said first user profile includes at least a narrow description defining target data selections and said learning engine is further programmed to compare a level of narrowness in said narrow description to a threshold such that said first user profile results in recommendations embracing a range of

target data that is narrower than said threshold and said learning engine is further programmed to selectively generate recommendations of data selections for said first user responsively to said first user profile and said at least a second user profile responsively to a result of so-comparing said level with said threshold.